

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF

CMDCM (SW/AW) GREGORY D. KINDER



Master Chief Kinder was born on March 3, 1958 and grew up on a small farm in Indiana. On March 23, 1977 he joined the Navy under the Delayed Entry Program. In June 1977 he graduated from Blackford High School, Hartford City, Indiana and reported to Recruit Training on November 11, 1977.

After graduating from Recruit Training Command Orlando, Florida and Cryptologic Technician "Administrative" School in Pensacola, Florida, he reported in September 1978 to his first duty assignment at the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, DC.

His other assignments included: Naval Security Group Department, Naval Communications Station, Diego Garcia; Naval Security Group Detachment Crane, Indiana; U.S. Naval Security Group Activity Edzell, Scotland; Enlisted Education Advancement Program, Pensacola Junior College, Pensacola, Florida; USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63), homeported in San Diego, California; Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station, Pensacola, Florida; Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), Casteau, Belgium, USS SPRUANCE (DD 963) and Transient Personnel Unit Jacksonville, Florida.

In March 2005 Master Chief Kinder reported for duty as the Command Master Chief at Southeast Regional Maintenance Center Mayport, Florida.

His education includes a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Workforce Education from Southern Illinois University, Associates of Arts Degree (with honors) in Business from Pensacola Junior College, CTA "C" School, Military Cryptologic Supervisor's Course, National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Maryland, and the Navy's Special Security Officer Course. He graduated from the Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 86 (Gold) in May 1999.

Master Chief Kinder's awards include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Navy Commendation Medal (1 star); Navy Achievement Medal (1 star); Good Conduct Medal (silver star) and various other awards. He has earned Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist designations.